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The crisis which caused the Ecuadoran General Staff to take precautions against a revolt of Ecuadoran troops on 16 January 1949 was precipitated by the Defense Minister's efforts to dissolve or transfer highly subversive members of the Vencedores Infantry Battalion. Trouble developed when the Quito Tan' Group refused to move against the Vencedores group at the time the latter threatened to revolt. The Vice President, Manuel Sotomayor y Luna, personally appealed to the troops to prevent disorder. The Government is gravely concerned over the situation.

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